Curriculum reforms in Education Bill

2049. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MATIAMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts have pointed out that curriculum reforms must be included in the new Education Bill that is being considered at present;

(b) if so, whether Committee constituted by the Central Advisory Board of Education is currently revising the proposed Bill;

(c) whether it has also been reported that a million children especially in Rajasthan, Bihar, U.P., M.P. and Orissa did not complete three to four years of schooling every year;

(d) whether this Ministry gives 75% funds for elementary education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision for introducing the legislation is likeiy to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A. A. FATMI) (a), (b) and (e) Draft of a legislation in pursuance of the Constitution (86th Amendment) Act is currently under consideration of a Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE). The Committee is considering all aspects of the matter. Final decision regarding introduction of the legislation will be taken after consideration of the Committee's recommendation by CABE, and consultation with State Governments and Central Ministries concerned.

(c) Dropout rates for classes l-V for the country and the five States in 2002-03 were as follows:—

Dropout rates in Classes l-V for the year 2002-03

States/India	Dropout rate (per cent)
Rajasthan	56.93
Bihar	62.31
Uttar Pradesh	23.55
Madhya Pradesh	31.43
Orissa	46.13
INDIA	34.89

(d) Yes, Sir.